



March 17, 1999

TO: Anadromous Fish Managers

FROM: Fred Olney, Acting Chair *Mary for*

SUBJECT: Action Notes from March 16, 1999 AFM Meeting

Attendees: Fred Olney (USFWS), Chair, John Palensky (NMFS), Lynn Hatcher (YIN), Bob Foster (WDFW), Phil Roger (CRITFC), Jerry James (NPT), Bert Bowler (IDFG), Tom Iverson (CBFWA), Gary James (CTUIR), Keith Kutchins (SBT), Jill Ory (CRITFC), Chris Fisher (CCT), Heidi Stubbers (NPT), Doug Dompier (CRITFC), Brian Allee (phone), and Mary Marvin.

As stated in the notice sent out on 3/8/99, the agenda was discussed and decided upon at the meeting. The group agreed to the following agenda:

- ITEM 1. Discuss Outstanding FY99 Projects
 - a. CRITFC Gas Bubble Study
 - b. PSMFC Request for Additional Funding
 - c. Dworshak Gas Bubble Study
 - d. Jefferson Co. Request for Funding
 - e. KiYak Request for Funding
- ITEM 2. Milestone-Based Evaluations
- ITEM 3. Volunteers for WTWG Evaluations
- ITEM 4. Subbasin Summaries
- ITEM 5. Work Plan for AFM Budget Reconciliation

Action Notes from the meeting are as follows:

ITEM 1. Discuss the Outstanding FY99 Projects

Discussion: CRITFC Gas Bubble Study The consent mail for the CRITFC gas bubble study has gone out. Brian is meeting with the Northwest Power Planning Council (Council) today and will be discussing this issue. The issue was discussed at the BPA Quarterly Review and is awaiting Council approval.

- Action:** No action was taken. This issue will be addressed by the MSG on 3/18/99.
- Discussion:** PSMFC Request for Additional Funding John Palensky of NMFS reported that the reason funds did not accompany the transfer of duties was a budget sequencing problem. PSMFC can possibly use carryover from their FY98 budget; however, costs are estimated to be \$255,000. There is an estimated carryover from FY98 that will offset some of this amount. The difference being requested is a one-time amount and is felt to be a legitimate request. It was agreed that this issue needs to go out on consent mail.
- Action:** Tom Iverson will develop a draft letter for consent mail requesting additional funds for PSMFC. A description will be included from NMFS and/or PSMFC explaining the need for additional funds and the prospective sources for funds (i.e., carryover), and an assessment of the project. This issue will be addressed by the MSG on 3/18/99.
- Discussion:** Dworshak Gas Bubble Study The Council is aware of this issue. No project proposals were submitted for the FY1999 and FY2000 budget process. The AFM approved funding at the 1/12/99 meeting. A review of the 1/29/99 letter from CBFWA to Doug Marker and Sharon Monohon at the Council showed that no mention was made of this being an emergency, and not enough information was included for the Council to make an informed decision on this request. In Doug Marker's memo to CBFWA, he indicated that the project did not meet the deadline. The issue was deferred until Brian Allee could contact the group by phone to discuss the possibility of presenting this to the Council today.
- Action:** Brian called on the conference line to let the group know that he will be discussing this issue with the Council this afternoon. This issue will be addressed by the MSG on 3/18/99.
- Discussion:** Jefferson County Tom Iverson spoke with a representative of Jefferson County and let them know that this issue will be brought up at the April AFM meeting.
- Action:** Tom will call the representative again and share specific concerns voiced by the AFM so that the representative can be prepared to address those concerns in April.
- Discussion:** KiYak This was approved at the last meeting. It needs to go to the MSG. This issue will be addressed by the MSG on 3/18/99.
- Action:** Tom Iverson will follow up to get this issue on the next MSG agenda.

Further

Discussion: Further discussion followed, touching on all of the above issues, including the appropriate protocol to follow when submitting emergency issues to the Fish and Wildlife Committee (it needs to be presented at Quarterly Review first).

Action: In response to the further discussion, it was determined that an emergency MSG meeting needed to be scheduled from 3:00 to 4:00 pm on 3/18/99. A request to do so was made of Jann Eckman. The agenda will include discussion followed by consent mail on all subjects listed under Item 1. Tom Iverson will provide any support Jann needs to finalize this action as soon as possible. (It was completed before the meeting terminated.)

ITEM 2. Milestone-Based Evaluations

Discussion: Only one project (a resident fish project) has been identified. Several anadromous projects marked the box requesting consideration as milestone based, but did not meet the criteria.

Action: The list of FY2000 projects will be finalized and projects identified which meet the milestone criteria. Consideration of milestone requests will be deferred until final budget decisions have been made on FY2000.

ITEM 3. Volunteers for WTWG Evaluations

Discussion: There were many problems noted at the SRT level with the technical evaluations. The wildlife managers have also had difficulty with these evaluations and are convening a cross-caucus group to develop wording in the DAIWP addressing the discrepancies in the WTWG evaluation and the managers' recommendations. It is the desire of the caucuses to write a statement that explains why the technical evaluations are not being used and outline the specifics of each type of review and its separate criteria. Two volunteers from each caucus were sought.

Actions: Keith Kutchins volunteered, and it was the determination of the group that only one volunteer was needed, as long as he would have the assistance of Gary James, Lynn Hatcher, Tom Iverson, and Brian Allee for input as needed.

Tom Iverson will contact Dale Bambrick for his comments related to the technical review process developed in the Washington SRT.

ITEM 4. Subbasin Summaries

Discussion: CBFWA will be tailoring the work plan document to the non-technical reader as part of improving the five products required by the Council. In the next two weeks, CBFWA will send out teams to talk to co-managers in the subbasins to solicit missing information to insert in the work plan document. Co-managers are strongly encouraged to respond to phone calls from Tana Klum (CBFWA), who is the contact person setting up the meeting schedule. When meetings have occurred in each subbasin, CBFWA staff will further refine and revise the subbasin materials to help identify subbasin priorities. Phil Roger stated that a key table has been removed from this year's document and suggests that it be put back in: a table of objectives and strategies which shows a logical management plan. Phil believes there will have to be several contacts over the next few months to gather complete basin information, and that this process can be used to encourage subbasin manager agreement on objectives. Mainstem basins, because of their connection to the subbasins, need to have current information gathered, as well. All information should include anadromous, resident and wildlife projects.

A schedule is being set for meetings with subbasin managers over the summer. During this time, criteria for FY2000 can be addressed and refined in a separate process.

The revised and enhanced work plan will be submitted to the Council on April 16 addressing the five major deliverables regarding the integrated funding agreement. The ISRP will review it in June and it will then be open for public comment. The second enhancement will be polished and completed, addressing the concerns from the ISRP and the public, and will become the Final Draft Annual Implementation Work Plan by the first of August.

Action: Tana is the lead contact for setting up meeting schedules. Subbasin managers need to respond to her calls and be prepared with documents when they meet with CBFWA staff.

ITEM 5. Work Plan for AFM Budget Reconciliation

Discussion: The plan for the next two and a half days is as follows:

Tuesday afternoon

1. Finish the subbasin reviews for mainstem and systemwide.

Wednesday

1. SRT budget recommendation presentation

2. Tom Giese will present a budget summary
3. Review total budget allocations
4. Voluntary (SRT) reductions
5. AFM-derived reductions
6. Produce balanced budget

Thursday

1. Capital Funds Allocation

ITEM 6. Coded Wire Tag Information

Discussion: Phil Roger brought to the group's attention information he has regarding the coded wire tag program. The Council has questions regarding this program and several problems have been noted.

Bob Foster said that Ken Johnson is leading the coded wire tag information group and that group will address questions pertaining to the project. He encouraged Phil to send his concerns to Ken.

Action: No action taken.

No discussion of the agenda for April occurred.